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SUBJ: PRC MEDIA ON KOREA AND THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH

1. A COMMENTARY IN THE PRC-OWNED WEN WEI PAO IN HONG KONG TURNS THUMBS DOWN ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 22 REITERATION OF THE U.S. CALL FOR A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE ON KOREA. ENTITLED "WHY DOES KISSINGER AGAIN RAISE OLD PROPOSALS", THE JULY 25 COMMENTARY REVIEWS THE PROPOSALS, ADDING THAT THE U.S. INTENTIONS IN REPEATING THESE OLD PROPOSALS, WHICH HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE DPRK, ARE WORTHY OF ANALYSIS. IT CONTENDS THAT THE U.S. IS MERELY SEEKING TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO AND STATIONING OF U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA, CLAIMING THAT THE U.S. NOT ONLY HAS FAILED TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 30TH UNGA RESOLUTION ON THE KOREAN SITUATION BUT CONTINUES TO INTRODUCE NEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN KOREA.

2. THE COMMENTARY NOTES THAT THE DPRK HAS AGAIN REJECTED FOUR-POWER TALKS WHICH ONLY SOUTH KOREA WOULD BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT. IT IMPLIES THAT THE U.S. HAS ULTERIOR MOTIVES

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IN PROPOSING SUCH A CONFERENCE WHICH IT VIEWS AS PART OF A

U.S. PLOT FOR THE CREATION OF "TWO KOREAS." THE ONLY WAY TO RESOLVE THE KOREAN QUESTION, IT ASSERTS, IS FOR THE U.S. TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA, STOP INTER-FERENCE IN KOREAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ALLOW THE KOREAN EPOPLES TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE KOREAN JOINT STATEMENT.

3. MEANWHILE, PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA HAVE CARRIED REPORTS FROM PYONGYANG COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND. ALTHOUGH CRITICAL OF THE PAK CLIQUE'S ALLEGED OBSTRUCTION OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION EFFORTS, THE REPORTS THUS FAR HAVE REFRAINED FROM ANY MENTION OF THE SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH.
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